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EIGHTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than U.S. patent documents, are also enclosed.

REMARKS

The following documents were cited in a European Search Report of a foreign counterpart application corresponding to the above-referenced application:

- (1) EP 0 441 350 A;
- (2) EP 0 559 423 A;

(3) JP 6-265807 and Patent Abstracts of Japan; and

(4) JP 6-27404 and Patent Abstracts of Japan.

The European Search Report is dated August 8, 2005. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed.

Additional English-language Abstracts for the Japanese Laid-Open Patent Applications were obtained from a commercial database, and are also enclosed.

According to the database, U.S. Patent No. 5,652,611 is in the family of JP 6-265807, and U.S. Patent No. 5,411,430 is in the family of JP 6-27404.

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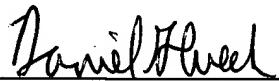
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	5,652,611	07/29/1997	Nakashima, et al.	347	206	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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A	Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 018, No. 670 (P-1845), Dec. 16, 1994 (JP 6-265807, Sept. 22, 1994)	
B	Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 018, No. 241 (P-1733), May 9, 1994 (JP 6-27404, Feb. 4, 1994)	

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